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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Soviet Russia Division

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1. Contact Operations

A. Vienna Youth Festival

Taras HUNCZAK, U. S. naturalized citizen presently working on his Ph.D. thesis at University of Vienna, is engaged in ground work for AECASSOWARY Festival activities. He has made arrangements with two book stores in Vienna to have a special display of AECASSOWARY literature during the Festival days. Liaison has been established with the Austrian Catholic youth, which organization has given assurance that it will help distribute AECASSOWARY literature.

B. Ukrainian Repatriates from Havana

AECASSOWARY 27 travelled to Havana, Cuba, on 16-21 March to determine the recruitment possibilities for maintaining future inside contacts via correspondence with Ukrainians scheduled for return to the Ukrainian SSR. A separate detailed report was submitted by AECASSOWARY 27 on his return. In summary, his general opinion was that as matters stand at present, the discussion of any operational arrangements with those presently scheduled for return could only lead to a security headache. The political orientation and, with only a few exceptions, the economical situation of the Ukrainians in Havana is such that one would have virtually no grounds for disagreeing with the belief of these people that a crueler fate could not be encountered. AECASSOWARY 27's recommendation is that anti-Communist Ukrainian language literature be mailed to these people to start a reorientation of those Ukrainians left in Havana toward a pro-Western ideology.

Because AECASSOWARY 27 did not get to see all of the Ukrainians living in Cuba, he does not exclude the possibility that there are those who could be approached and who would prove to be of operational interest.

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C. ~~Lev~~ ^X ~~BILAS~~ has arrived in Turkey from Munich and while doing research at the University of Istanbul for a thesis on Turkish-Ukrainian relations, will act as the AECASSOWARY unofficial representative. He will attempt to evaluate the probabilities for contacts with Ukrainians in Turkey and tourists from the Ukrainian SSR.

2. Significant Developments and Changes

A. Operational

Volume III of the PROLOGUE magazine was sent to printing and will be ready for distribution on 21 April.

B. Administrative

Amendment No. 2 was made to the Administrative Plan for Project AERODYNAMIC. It reflected the transfer of project assets from the account entitled, "Investment in Proprietary Projects" to the account of entitled, "Investment in Agency - controlled Activities within Subsidy Projects". In compliance with the Administrative Plan, a memorandum of oral agreement was discussed with AECASSOWARY 2 and formal record of the agreement was made.

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